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Friend May

Mr. Johnson returned
the letter of Senator Davis promptly
and safely. I have sent
copies to all of Thayer's list
excepting Rev. E. E. Hale and
L. W. Bacon 24 in all, and
have written to 9 of them in
similar manner as to
Charles Robinson, and
Senator Davis, and am
getting some replies. While I
expect more to come in time,
Prof. L. W. Spring of Williamstown
to whom I did not write, writes
thanking me for the Review, and
says "Mr. Johnson certainly ~~etc~~
is still able to write vigorous English."
That's all, no remarks or comments
on the matters in hand.

Now, Geo. S. Boutwell, after
thanking me for the letter and
review, says "I read Mr. Thayer's
paper, and I wrote a letter thereon,
the exact contents of which I can
not recall, although I may have
a copy at Washington, I could
have said nothing more I im-
agine than that the Emigrant
Society did important work in
securing the freedom of Kansas.
The fact of the freedom of Kansas
was due to many agencies ec-
clesiastical, political and moral,
but all resting upon the gen-
eral belief in the North, that
Slavery was an evil and a
crime whose power ought not
to be extended."

This is quite noncommittal ex-
cept as to Thayer's share being
only "one of many" agencies

and not the only one as Thayer claims,
and Boutwell also recognizes the
fact of an Anti Slavery sentiment
prevailing the North, which cer-
tainly was not of Thayer's creation.

I have also a very long letter
from Ex. Gov. Charles Robinson
in which he eulogizes Thayer
and criticizes Johnsons Review
in these words in part. "Mr Johnsons
flippant criticism of Mr. Thayer is a
"I envy not the man who can
meet this sort [the review &c.] of the
Kansas work as Mr Johnson has
done." But I am glad to say
that Mr. Robinson has a better
regard for the Garrisonians than
Thayer expresses, he says "I had
a great respect for the Garrisonians
as moral agitators, and think
they did a necessary and good
work, they filled the position of a

John the Baptist and machine
repentance most faithfully,"
and again, "The Emigrant
Aid Societies would have had no
existence, and then would have
been powerless with all their ma-
chinery, had not the Liberty
and Free Soil Campaigns made
the head of the Bishops, the Hays,
Julians and others true friends,
and their Campaigns would have
been still born had there been no
Ganisons, Parker Pillsbury, Theodore
Parker and Wendell Phillips
to cry in the wilderness, and
prepare the way for the agencies
that followed" - and again he says
"All honor to the old Abolitionists
as agitators and moral heroes -
John the Baptists,"

This is pretty good on the whole consid-
ering he is a Thayer man stray, I make
the most scoring. Reps Joseph H. Thayer